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	Examiner PAUL ZAREK	Art Unit 4161

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) 1-21 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

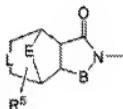
This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

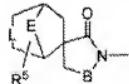
Group I, claim(s) 1-5, drawn to a method of screening a test compound for its ability to improve memory and/or learning dysfunctions associated with schizophrenia.

Group II, claim(s) 6-15, drawn to a therapeutic agent selected from screening assay of Group I.

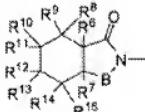
Group III, claim(s) 16-20, drawn to a therapeutic agent of formula 1 wherein Z is:



Group IV, claim(s) 16-19, drawn to a therapeutic agent of formula 1 wherein Z is:

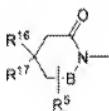


Group V, claim(s) 16-19, drawn to a therapeutic agent of formula 1 wherein Z is:

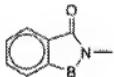


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Group VI, claim(s) 16-19, drawn to a therapeutic agent of formula 1 wherein Z is:



Group VII, claim(s) 16-19, drawn to a therapeutic agent of formula 1 wherein Z is:



Group VIII, claim(s) 21, drawn to a therapeutic agent of formula 2.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-VIII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Mettey, et al. (*Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry*, 1997) teach an embodiment of the claimed therapeutic agent of formula 2 wherein R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are all -H (Table II, Compound 4a). Therefore, the claimed invention lacks a special technical feature.

Election of Species

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

- If Applicant elects Group III, Applicant is to elect a single species of formula 1 wherein the identity and location (where applicable) of Ar, A, B, D, E, G, L, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ n, p, and q are specified.
- If Applicant elects Group IV, Applicant is to elect a single species of formula 1 wherein the identity and location (where applicable) of Ar, A, B, D, E, G, L, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ n, p, and q are specified.

- If Applicant elects Group V, Applicant is to elect a single species of formula 1 wherein the identity and location (where applicable) of Ar, A, B, D, G, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵, n, p, and q are specified.
- If Applicant elects Group VI, Applicant is to elect a single species of formula 1 wherein the identity and location (where applicable) of Ar, A, B, D, G, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁷, n, p, and q are specified.
- If Applicant elects Group VII, Applicant is to elect a single species of formula 1 wherein the identity and location (where applicable) of Ar, A, B, D, G, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ n, p, and q are specified.
- If Applicant elects Group VIII, Applicant is to elect a single species of formula 2 wherein the identity and location (where applicable) of R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, and Z are specified.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

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4. The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Group I: none;
Group II: none;
Group III: Claims 17-20;
Group IV: Claims 17-19;
Group V: Claims 17-19;
Group VI: Claims 17-19;
Group VII: Claims 17-19; and,
Group VIII: none

The following claim(s) are generic:

Group I: Claims 1-5;
Group II: Claims 6-15;
Group III: Claim 16;
Group IV: Claim 16;
Group V: Claim 16;
Group VI: Claim 16;
Group VII: Claim 16; and,
Group VIII: Claim 21.

5. The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Mettey, et al. (*Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry*, 1997) teach an embodiment of the claimed therapeutic agent of formula 2 wherein R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are all -H (Table II, Compound 4a). Therefore, the claimed invention lacks a special technical feature.

6. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

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7. The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. All claims directed to a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained.

Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL ZAREK whose telephone number is (571) 270-5754. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, PATRICK NOLAN can be reached on (571) 272-0847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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